5

10

15

25

30

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A method of diagnosing or evaluating a skin injury or condition affecting the skin, said method comprising evaluating expression of:
  - a) a chemokine selected from MCP-2 (CCL8), DC-CK1 (CCL18), TARC (CCL17), RANTES (CCL5), MIP3b (CCL19), I-309 (CCL1), MIG (CXCL9), IP-10 (CXCL10), ITAC (CXCL11), BCA-1 (CXCL13), lymphotactin (XCL1), MDC (CCL22), IL-8 (CXCL8), MCP-3 (CCL7), SDF-1, or MCP-1 (CCL2); or
  - b) a chemokine receptor selected from CCR5, CCR7, CXCR3, CXCR5, XCR1, CCR2, CCR4, CCR8, or CXCR4.
- 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein said condition is selected from lupus erythematosus, atopic dermatitis, cutaneous wound, skin healing, or an inflammatory condition.
- 3. The method of Claim 1, wherein said evaluating is:
  - a) measuring a plurality of said expression levels;
  - b) measuring mRNA levels; or
- c) measuring protein levels.
  - 4. A method of treating a condition affecting the skin, said method comprising administering an antagonist of:
    - a) a chemokine selected from MCP-2 (CCL8), DC-CK1 (CCL18), TARC (CCL17), RANTES (CCL5), MIP3b (CCL19), I-309 (CCL1), MIG (CCL9), IP-10 (CXCL10), ITAC (CXCL11), BCA-1 (CXCL13), lymphotactin (XCL1), MDC (CCL22), IL-8 (CXCL8), MCP-3 (CCL7), or MCP-1 (CCL2); or
    - b) a chemokine receptor selected from CCR5, CCR7, CXCR3, CXCR5, XCR1, CCR2, CCR4, CCR8, or CXCR4.
  - 5. The method of Claim 4, wherein said administering is:
    - a) a plurality of said antagonists; or
    - b) in combination with another therapeutic.

- 6. The method of Claim 4, wherein said antagonist is an antibody which prevents interaction of:
  - a) said chemokine with its receptor, or
  - b) said chemokine receptor with its ligand.

5

- 7. The method of Claim 4, wherein said treating is preventative.
- 8. The method of Claim 4, wherein said condition is lupus erythematosus, and said antagonist is of:

a) a chemokine selected from MCP-2 (CCL8), RANTES (CCL5),
MIP3b (CCL19), MIG (CXCL9), IP-10 (CXCL10); ITAC (CXCL11);
BCA-1 (CXCL13), or lymphotactin (XCL1); or

b) a chemokine receptor selected from CCR5, CCR7, CXCR3, CXCR5, or XCR1.

15

20

30

10

- 9. The method of Claim 4, wherein said condition is atopic dermatitis, and said antagonist is of:
  - a) a chemokine selected from DC-CK1 (CCL18), TARC (CCL17), I-309 (CCL1), MDC (CCL22), IP-10 (CXCL10), MIG (CXCL9), or ITAC (CXCL11); or
  - b) a CCR2, CCR3, CCR4, or CCR8 chemokine receptor.
- 10. A method of accelerating wound healing comprising administering to an individual suffering from a wound a chemokine selected from lymphotactin (XCL1), IL-8 (CXCL8), MCP3 (CCL7), MCP1 (CCL2), MCP-2 (CCL8), RANTES (CCL5), MIG (CXCL9), or SDF-1.
  - 11. The method Claim 8, wherein said administering is:
    - a) a plurality of said chemokines;
    - b) in combination with another therapeutic; or
    - c) by expression of a nucleic acid.
  - 12. The method of Claim 8, wherein said healing is from skin loss from burn.